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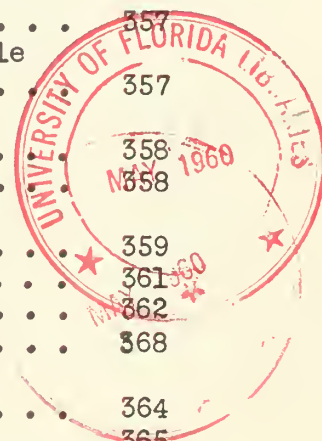
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## MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

The 12 market cattle receipts were the largest for any week since January with nearly all of the 5 percent increase from the previous week due to a larger volume of slaughter steers. Prices on slaughter steers were steady to 75¢ lower at most midwest terminals with heifers steady to 50¢ off. The exception at So. St. Paul where steers and heifers advanced 50¢. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves were generally steady to 50¢ lower. Old crop and spring slaughter lambs sold steady to 50¢ higher. Spring lamb movement was getting well under way at Fort Worth and spring lambs there were steady. Feeder lambs closed steady to 50¢ lower at Fort Worth and Denver, but were largely steady at other points. Barrows and gilts were steady to 50¢ higher throughout most of the Corn Belt when compared to the previous Friday.

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES** - The first week in May brought the largest supply of cattle to the 12 markets since January although receipts were only 2 percent larger than the corresponding week in 1959. Monday's run of 23,800 in Omaha was a record for any May day. Compared with the previous week, the 12 market supplies were up 5 percent with practically all of the increase due to heavier marketings of fed steers. With more cattle showing the effects of rather extended grain feeding, a larger percentage of the steer supply graded Choice. About 63 percent of the steers marketed in Chicago were Choice, but Prime steers fell below 5 percent compared with nearly 7 percent the previous week. With slaughter steers selling unevenly steady to 75¢ lower at most midwest markets, and steer carcasses steady to 50¢ higher at leading wholesale meat centers, a greater spread developed between live and dressed prices. This was reflected in good demand for slaughter steers even though prices trended downward owing to increased numbers. The average weight of slaughter steers at the 7 markets at 1127# was 14# above the previous week but was 9# below the same week last year. Heifers closed steady to 50¢ lower with the exception of So. St. Paul where prices advanced fully 50¢, steers showing a similar upturn at that market as opposed to the general steady to 75¢ lower trend on steers. Prices for cows averaged steady, bulls steady to 50¢ higher. Vealers sold steady in St. Louis National Stock Yards but advanced fully \$1.00 in So. St. Paul.

Choice steers bulked at \$26.00-27.50 at markets outside Chicago, with Good steers from \$23.25-26.00. Prime 1368# steers sold at \$31.00 in Omaha, highest price at that market since last June, while high-Choice steers reached \$29.00 in So. St. Paul. In Chicago, high-Choice and Prime steers bulked at \$29.00-32.25, 5 loads

1125-1446# \$32.50-33.00. Steers under 1100# and over 1400# usually did not sell quite as high as 1100-1400# weights on a grade for grade basis but weight was not a prominent price determining factor. A few Prime heifers reached \$28.50, Choice heifers bulked at \$26.00-27.50 in Chicago and at \$25.25-27.25 elsewhere. Good grade heifers largely \$22.50-25.50. Most Utility and Commercial cows \$16.00-18.00, Cannery and Cutters largely \$13.00-16.50 with quite a few Cannery at \$12.00 in Oklahoma City where cow numbers were the largest since the last week in January, making up 10 percent of receipts at that market.

**STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle at midwest terminal markets were a little above either the previous week or a year ago and fairly liberal for early May. However, numbers of stock calves continued seasonally small. Yearling stock steers of high-Medium to average-Choice grades predominated in the over-all supply. Very moderate numbers of 800-1050# feeder steers were marketed, most of which had already received at least a start on grain feeds. Trading generally was rather slow at unevenly steady to 50¢ lower prices. One of the few exceptions to the weaker trend was at Kansas City where Choice fleshy feeder steers sold steady to 50¢ higher. At Oklahoma City prices were \$1.00 lower and at Fort Worth the trend was \$1.00-2.00 lower, and in extremes as much as \$3.00 off. At Denver 500-600# stock steers sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower. This marked the third consecutive week in which prices have shown a weaker trend. Apparently, with the grass season now well under way, many graziers already have their pastures well stocked. Also, increased marketings and the recent lower price trend for slaughter cattle have influenced many potential buyers to proceed rather cautiously. However, other factors currently are present which often would stimulate aggressive competition for both stockers and feeders, including above average spring pasture conditions and abundant stockpiles of grain feeds.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold from \$22.50-26.00, not many above \$25.50. However, several lots of Choice fleshy 800-900# brought \$26.85-28.00 and Choice to Fancy 861# steers carrying a considerable degree of finish went for further feeding at \$28.50. Scattered shipments Choice 500-575# short yearling stock steers brought \$29.50-30.50; majority Good and Choice yearling stockers \$24.50-29.00. Most sales were from \$28.50 down, but a load of Choice 620# was included at \$29.00. Medium and low-Good stock steers ranged \$20.00-25.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$21.75-27.00, including Choice partly fattened 725#



heifers at \$25.25. A few Choice 285# steer calves reached \$38.25 and a shipment averaging 375# \$35.50, however, most Good and Choice stock steer calves \$27.00-32.00, few Good down to \$25.50. Good and Choice heifer calves ranged \$23.00-30.00.

**HOGS - Terminal Markets - Receipts** at the 12 markets were 4 percent below the previous week and slightly under a year earlier. The slight reduction was due to farmers over much of the area concentrating on spring field work which in general is considerably behind normal schedule. Mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-260# barrows and gilts predominated in supplies with a relatively liberal volume of 240# and up at the western Corn Belt centers. Sows made up 5-11 percent at the various markets. Price trends tended to fluctuate during the week. After some declines on Monday moderate receipts through mid-week influenced a general upturn on barrows and gilts to that point. Receipts increased somewhat later in the week and part of the early advance was erased. Compared with the previous week's close, prices on barrows and gilts were steady to 50¢ higher, while sows closed steady to 50¢ lower, extremes 75¢ lower in St. Joseph.

At the close, U. S. No. 1 and No. 1 and 2, 190-230# barrows and gilts \$16.00-17.00, mainly \$16.25-16.75; mixed U. S. 1-3, 180-250# \$15.50-16.50, largely \$15.75-16.25; U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$12.50-14.75.

**HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area -** Comparatively small receipts early in the week followed by rather liberal supplies late brought the week's volume a little above the previous week but slightly below the corresponding week last year. Fully 70 percent of the butcher supply was mixed No. 1-3 200-240# weights with around 25 percent 240-300# mainly No. 2 and 3 grades.

Mild price advances through Wednesday were erased on closing rounds under the influence of liberal receipts. Compared with the previous Friday, late sales were steady to 25¢ lower, mainly 10-25¢ off on butchers; sows 25-50¢ lower. U. S. 1-3, 190-240# butchers brought \$14.85-15.75 at the close, with moderate supply No. 1 and 2 selected lots mostly 200-220# at \$15.75-16.15. Mixed No. 1-3, 270-400# sows bulked \$13.00-14.50, 400-550# \$11.75-13.65.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS -** The 12 market receipts were little changed from last week but 9 percent more than a year ago. Ft. Worth received fully one-third of the week's supply. Shorn old crop slaughter lambs predominated receipts at most markets; spring lambs were increased in number and comprised 55 percent of receipts at Ft. Worth. Demand for old crop slaughter lambs was fairly good and for the week prices were mostly steady to 50¢ higher except 25-75¢ off at Denver. Spring lambs were steady

at Ft. Worth and steady to 50¢ higher at other markets. Slaughter ewes steady to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up; feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ lower at Denver and Ft. Worth, scarce elsewhere.

On late sessions, Choice and Prime 95-114# woolled slaughter lambs brought \$21.00-22.00, few \$22.50-23.00; most Choice 85-116# lambs \$20.50-21.50; Good and Choice \$19.00-21.00 largely \$19.50 up. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-116# shorn No. 2 to fall shorn pelt lambs brought \$20.50-21.50, sparingly \$21.75-22.25. Choice 112-122# shorn lambs and Good and Choice 93-114# lambs \$19.00-21.00. Choice and Prime 80-111# spring slaughter lambs brought \$23.00-25.00, few \$25.25; Good and Choice \$21.00-23.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes \$3.00-6.50.

At Fort Worth Good old crop shorn feeders \$12.00-15.00 with Good spring feeders \$17.00-18.50. At Denver, 95-103# old crop shearing lambs in Good slaughter flesh \$19.00-20.00.

In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area, prices on woolled slaughter lambs were weak to 50¢ lower; shorn lambs weak; spring lambs and ewes steady. Demand was only fair for old crop slaughter lambs with weakness noted each session despite reduced marketings. The limited volume of native spring lambs offered met good demand. Shorn offerings comprised around 70 percent of the lamb supply. Around 40 percent of the week's run was received from outside the area.

On Friday, Choice with a few Prime 90-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$20.50-21.50; Choice 105-120# \$19.00-20.50; mixed Good and Choice 90-110# \$19.00-20.50. Choice, including a few Prime, 90-100# shorn lambs with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$20.00-20.50, few fall shorn lambs to \$21.00; mixed Good and Choice 90-105# with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$18.50-20.00. Choice and Prime 80-100# spring slaughter lambs brought \$23.00-23.50, few Prime 85-95# lambs \$24.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes \$2.00-5.00.

#### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

**ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH -** Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers fairly active, prices steady; stocker and feeder cattle and calves rather slow, trend mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower; spring lambs strong to 50¢ higher.

**Slaughter steers:** In California, 34 loads mostly Choice 915-1075# \$27.75-28.00; over California and Arizona, 220 loads high-Good and Choice \$27.00-27.50; 80 loads Good



and Choice 850-1250# \$26.00-26.75; 26 loads high-Standard and Good 800-1100# \$25.00-25.75; 8 loads Standard 800-1100# \$22.50-24.50. Slaughter heifers: In So. California, 3 loads high-Choice and Prime 975-1025# \$27.25; over California and Arizona, Good and Choice 775-950# \$25.50-27.00.

In California and Arizona, for immediate to June delivery, Good and Choice 600-900# stocker and feeder steers mainly \$24.25-26.25, 155 head 575-600# \$27.00, and few lots 825-1000# \$23.50-24.75. Medium to Good 450-700# steers \$21.00-25.00. Good and Choice 550-775# stocker and feeder heifers \$23.50-25.00, mostly \$24.00-25.00.

In California, Choice and Prime spring slaughter lambs \$21.50-22.50; Good and Choice spring feeders \$20.50-21.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle direct at feedlots in Colorado moderately active with prices fully steady. In Colorado 102 loads average-Choice 1100-1325# fed steers \$27.00-27.50; 77 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1100-1275# \$26.00-26.75. Eighteen loads average-Choice 800-1035# fed heifers \$26.25-26.65; 101 loads mostly Choice 780-1000# \$25.75-26.25, liberal share \$26.00-26.25; 15 loads high-Good and Choice 900-1000# \$24.00-25.75, mostly \$25.40-25.75. In Wyoming 6 loads average-Choice to Prime, mostly Choice 980-1050# fed heifers \$26.25-26.75. On the Western Slope of Colorado 5 loads high-Good to Choice steers and 5 loads of heifers same grade sold to California packers F.O.B. feedlot at \$25.50.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves good, except most Colorado feedlot operators continued their wait-and-see attitude in regard to contracting for late summer and fall delivery. The sales and contracts confirmed on 2,145 head were made at fully steady prices. Western Kansas: 8 loads Good and Choice 635-745# feeder steers \$25.10-26.00; 3 loads mostly Choice 600# \$27.75. Two loads Good and Choice 620# feeder heifers \$24.20. Colorado: 6 loads partly fattened 900-975# steers in Good slaughter flesh for further feeding \$23.75-24.75; 6 loads Good and Choice 700-725# feeder steers \$26.00. Three loads mostly Choice 530# feeder heifers \$26.50; 21 loads Good to mostly Choice heifers to weigh 550-600# when delivered in July \$22.50-23.50; 8 loads same grades and weights, but deliver in September \$22.50.

In Northern Colorado 12 loads fed lambs sold at steady prices. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 105-111# old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts \$20.00. In Wyoming 5,000-6,000 Good and Choice whiteface wether feeder lambs have been contracted for early October delivery at \$18.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct

trade very slow; confirmed sales 23 loads fed steers, 3 loads fed heifers and about 4,900 stockers and feeders, about steady. Twenty-three loads mostly Good and low-Choice 700-1075# fed steers \$24.00-25.50, several loads at \$24.00-24.50 carried Standard end; 3 loads Good and low-Choice 760-850# fed heifers \$25.00-25.25. About 900 Good and Choice 575-800# stocker and feeder steers \$23.00-26.50; 500 same grades 540-660# heifers \$22.50-25.00; 250 Choice 471# steer calves \$31.00; 1,860 Good and Choice 425-480# calves \$29.00-30.00 steers and \$27.00-29.00 heifers; for fall delivery 1,050 Choice steers expected to weigh near 725# contracted \$26.00 and 400 heifers to weigh 700# \$23.00.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers steady to strong, instances 50¢ higher on heifers. Stockers and feeders fully steady. Good and Choice 1075-1200# fed steers \$25.25-26.50; same grades 900-1025# heifers \$25.25-27.00, latter delivered to plant basis. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers \$23.40-28.50, few Medium \$22.50-23.00; Good and Choice heifers \$23.50-25.00; few Choice stock steer calves \$28.75-29.00, heifers \$26.00. About 1,600 Choice 700-825# feeder steers contracted for fall delivery \$24.00-26.00, few Medium and low-Good \$19.50-21.00; 700 Choice 600-650# heifers \$22.50 and 2,000 Choice stock calves \$27.75 steers, \$25.00 heifers with \$1.00 off on over 450# weights at delivery next fall.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers mostly steady, stocker and feeder cattle slow, about steady; limited sales slaughter lambs steady. In Washington and Idaho, Good to mostly Choice 975-1200# fed steers \$26.00-27.00, 2 loads \$27.75 in Washington; Good and mixed Good and Choice 1000-1025# \$25.00-25.50. Good to mostly Choice 825-925# fed heifers in the two states \$25.00-26.00.

String Good and Choice 600-625# stock steers \$25.00 in Idaho for October delivery. Oregon - Good and Choice 750# feeder steers \$24.50 for July and large string Good and Choice 650-750# steers for fall delivery \$23.25. Idaho lamb pool consisting of 696 Choice and Prime 102# spring slaughter lambs \$23.30. Oregon - 3 loads mostly Choice old crop lambs with No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts \$19.25-19.50 delivered; 250 Choice and Prime spring lambs \$22.00-22.50.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Additional precipitation resulted in adequate soil moisture in most of Montana and Wyoming. Central Montana, 160 head Good and Choice 490-541# stocker and feeder heifers \$25.00-26.00. Northern Montana, 65 Good and Choice 445# stock steer calves \$29.00, 65 head 422# heifers \$27.10; 1,128 head mostly Good stock cows, either springers or calves at side, ranged \$175.00-228.00 per cow unit with most sales \$190.00 and up.

## WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago .....	40,703	41,499	218	239	37,593	45,202	3,624	6,740
Cincinnati .....	3,616	2,726	715	761	11,102	10,319	604	406
Denver .....	11,413	11,959	284	540	5,826	4,345	14,495	15,441
Fort Worth .....	6,707	9,386	1,862	2,308	3,207	3,774	34,759	27,584
Indianapolis .....	7,111	6,791	505	371	31,006	32,265	1,192	1,151
Kansas City .....	19,987	15,312	692	657	20,743	15,715	9,392	7,677
Oklahoma City .....	9,021	6,818	750	346	4,109	4,657	5,018	3,834
Omaha .....	41,895	41,655	324	407	42,532	50,149	10,021	9,687
St. Joseph .....	17,587	15,965	568	632	31,933	32,322	5,027	6,428
St. Louis NSY .....	14,615	13,686	1,720	2,017	75,216	59,887	1,605	2,641
Sioux City .....	27,929	28,063	494	454	40,103	41,650	6,065	5,566
S. St. Paul .....	19,223	21,235	5,517	5,726	42,943	49,193	5,869	2,830
Total .....	219,807	215,095	13,649	14,458	346,313	349,478	97,671	89,985
" April 30, 1960....	210,137		14,674		358,854		97,751	

## INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	May 7, 1960	Apr. 30, 1960	May 9, 1959
Hogs .....	335,000	326,000	340,000
Sheep .....	21,300	27,400	20,900

## RECEIPTS, SALABLE AND TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

## MONTH OF APRIL

Market	Cattle		Calves	
	Salable	Total	Salable	Total
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago .....	143,247	167,317	984	1,418
Cincinnati ....	13,907	12,322	2,991	2,974
Denver .....	40,281	49,360	1,490	3,405
Fort Worth ....	26,666	25,805	5,669	6,401
Indianapolis ..	26,655	27,540	2,477	2,304
Kansas City ...	84,004	82,854	5,221	3,313
Oklahoma City .	28,440	32,233	4,033	1,900
Omaha .....	135,498	172,840	2,069	2,664
St. Joseph ....	65,128	67,178	2,577	1,518
St. Louis NSY .	59,467	60,497	6,842	8,655
Sioux City ....	104,111	131,648	1,550	1,810
S. St. Paul ...	83,113	95,447	24,680	26,538
Total .....	810,517	925,041	60,583	62,900

## Hogs

## Sheep and Lambs

Chicago .....	143,168	204,327	149,307	248,868	19,306	31,201	25,976	37,536
Cincinnati ....	50,716	53,577	61,008	60,797	2,206	2,010	2,443	2,619
Denver .....	22,877	14,266	55,493	46,247	88,294	113,186	138,182	150,233
Fort Worth ....	13,963	14,739	37,783	44,523	93,604	81,713	130,240	115,509
Indianapolis ..	144,408	164,563	144,561	164,854	3,888	4,181	3,888	5,262
Kansas City ...	69,112	72,627	81,164	77,316	25,071	41,567	85,440	103,503
Oklahoma City .	17,941	16,691	36,015	45,326	10,349	14,331	10,349	14,331
Omaha .....	174,927	197,349	263,346	288,831	51,211	63,484	67,540	92,594
St. Joseph ....	112,092	126,770	153,354	137,966	19,234	26,701	38,520	61,854
St. Louis NSY .	265,401	280,272	270,064	292,725	9,454	14,660	23,596	26,265
Sioux City ....	165,282	172,089	181,377	197,275	21,979	23,918	27,752	33,882
S. St. Paul ...	187,126	232,526	226,761	260,410	27,614	18,721	40,842	35,630
Total .....	1,367,013	1,549,796	1,660,233	1,865,138	372,210	435,673	594,768	679,218

## INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	<u>Hogs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>
April 1960 .....	1,420,000	105,100
April 1959 .....	1,387,000	99,700



STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	May 5 1960	May 7 1959	May 5 1960	May 7 1959	May 5 1960	May 7 1959	May 5 1960	May 7 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	1,428	940	4.8	3.2	1,276	1,252	30.86	32.50
Choice.....	18,612	15,352	62.7	52.6	1,192	1,212	27.60	29.78
Good.....	8,572	11,439	28.9	39.2	1,077	1,104	25.61	28.01
Standard.....	707	1,207	2.4	4.1	1,039	1,029	21.66	25.83
Commercial.....	12	--	.0	--	1,500	--	20.00	--
Utility.....	371	248	1.2	.9	1,054	926	19.34	23.79
All grades.....	29,702	29,186			1,158	1,161	27.01	29.03
OMAHA								
Prime.....	63	20	.3	.1	1,260	1,269	29.41	31.50
Choice.....	8,684	7,706	42.0	33.9	1,177	1,186	26.60	28.77
Good.....	10,700	13,457	51.7	59.2	1,095	1,103	24.79	27.28
Standard.....	979	1,427	4.7	6.3	1,091	1,078	20.65	24.46
Utility.....	274	103	1.3	.5	997	959	18.73	22.82
All grades.....	20,700	22,713			1,128	1,129	25.34	27.63
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	21	3	.1	.0	1,348	1,065	29.93	32.99
Choice.....	5,453	6,856	43.2	57.3	1,193	1,176	26.78	28.56
Good.....	6,305	4,502	50.0	37.6	1,101	1,113	25.24	27.07
Standard.....	688	532	5.5	4.4	1,090	1,086	20.56	24.44
Utility.....	155	82	1.2	.7	957	984	18.54	23.16
All grades.....	12,622	11,975			1,139	1,147	25.63	27.81
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	50	--	1.1	--	1,183	--	31.00
Choice.....	3,315	1,901	47.1	40.3	1,114	1,146	26.94	29.05
Good.....	2,979	2,244	42.3	47.6	1,099	1,088	25.42	27.53
Standard.....	586	480	8.3	10.2	1,042	1,076	22.05	24.04
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	161	40	2.3	.8	1,058	1,054	18.88	22.18
All grades.....	7,041	4,715			1,100	1,111	25.74	27.82
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	262	936	4.4	17.8	1,144	1,112	27.29	29.42
Good.....	4,112	3,083	69.0	58.5	1,021	1,046	25.07	27.81
Standard.....	1,109	1,028	18.6	19.5	1,006	983	22.55	26.00
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	473	224	8.0	4.2	960	981	19.81	23.95
All grades.....	5,956	5,271			1,019	1,043	24.32	27.62
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	4,066	2,999	44.1	36.4	1,132	1,141	26.74	28.89
Good.....	4,494	4,551	48.8	55.3	1,064	1,096	24.84	27.15
Standard.....	556	640	6.0	7.8	1,042	1,071	20.55	24.49
Utility.....	103	41	1.1	.5	986	904	18.53	22.47
All grades.....	9,219	8,231			1,091	1,110	25.40	27.58
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,675	3,210	62.6	66.8	1,174	1,181	26.66	28.60
Good.....	1,403	1,486	32.9	31.0	1,136	1,132	24.96	27.26
Standard.....	142	107	3.3	2.2	1,081	1,094	20.18	22.90
Utility.....	51	--	1.2	--	883	--	17.50	--
All grades.....	4,271	4,803			1,155	1,164	25.82	28.08

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR 'SLAUGHTER 1/									
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.		
	Month								
	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	
CHICAGO									
Prime.....	7,812	4,275	7.5	3.8	1,245	1,243	30.83	34.62	
Choice.....	59,060	52,773	56.6	47.0	1,186	1,199	27.76	30.33	
Good.....	31,649	47,760	30.3	42.5	1,085	1,105	25.69	28.11	
Standard.....	4,431	6,358	4.2	5.7	1,001	1,014	22.48	25.86	
Commercial.....	18	10	.1	--	1,493	1,631	21.43	25.25	
Utility.....	1,378	1,079	1.3	1.0	1,041	1,038	20.03	23.90	
All grades.....	104,348	112,255			1,150	1,149	27.13	29.32	
OMAHA									
Prime.....	250	245	.4	.3	1,224	1,216	29.14	32.71	
Choice.....	19,941	28,710	32.9	37.4	1,181	1,181	27.20	28.86	
Good.....	35,208	42,172	58.0	54.9	1,091	1,101	25.33	27.12	
Standard.....	3,223	4,888	5.3	6.3	1,063	1,076	21.69	24.31	
Utility.....	2,052	820	3.4	1.1	1,022	977	19.79	22.62	
All grades.....	60,674	76,835			1,118	1,129	25.64	27.60	
SIOUX CITY									
Prime.....	342	208	.8	.4	1,303	1,287	29.88	31.64	
Choice.....	15,708	22,528	37.1	41.8	1,176	1,187	27.22	28.77	
Good.....	23,359	28,464	55.1	52.9	1,102	1,121	25.56	27.20	
Standard.....	2,441	2,124	5.8	3.9	1,063	1,079	21.70	24.35	
Utility.....	514	522	1.2	1.0	1,026	1,060	19.25	23.15	
All grades.....	42,364	53,846			1,128	1,147	25.97	27.75	
KANSAS CITY									
Prime.....	16	21	.1	.1	1,120	1,227	28.34	32.25	
Choice.....	9,211	8,784	41.4	38.7	1,131	1,148	27.17	29.04	
Good.....	9,384	11,063	42.2	48.8	1,075	1,087	25.61	27.49	
Standard.....	3,255	2,247	14.6	10.0	1,045	1,051	22.44	24.72	
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Utility.....	376	544	1.7	2.4	1,027	1,008	19.29	22.87	
All grades.....	22,242	22,659			1,093	1,105	25.74	27.76	
ST. LOUIS NSY									
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Choice.....	863	3,890	3.7	18.3	1,162	1,114	27.72	29.03	
Good.....	15,290	11,911	66.4	56.2	1,032	1,057	25.67	27.51	
Standard.....	4,639	4,261	20.2	20.1	969	1,008	22.86	25.68	
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Utility.....	2,225	1,144	9.7	5.4	945	943	20.24	23.57	
All grades.....	23,017	21,206			1,016	1,051	24.73	27.26	
S. ST. JOSEPH									
Prime.....	21	26	.1	.1	1,100	1,136	32.72	34.16	
Choice.....	12,131	11,060	41.5	32.7	1,143	1,148	27.29	28.74	
Good.....	14,759	19,341	50.5	57.3	1,070	1,086	25.32	26.84	
Standard.....	2,006	3,026	6.9	9.0	1,064	1,064	21.28	24.11	
Utility.....	281	319	1.0	.9	984	973	19.02	22.43	
All grades.....	29,198	33,772			1,099	1,103	25.86	27.22	
DENVER									
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Choice.....	9,319	9,710	67.9	54.2	1,182	1,174	26.62	28.52	
Good.....	3,779	7,774	27.6	43.4	1,090	1,125	25.06	27.29	
Standard.....	508	403	3.7	2.2	1,040	1,117	20.45	23.21	
Utility.....	115	36	.8	.2	886	1,123	18.21	21.50	
All grades.....	13,721	17,923			1,149	1,152	25.95	27.87	

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959
Prime . . . . .	8,441	4,775	2.9	1.4	1,247	1,243	30.74	34.38
Choice . . . . .	126,233	137,455	42.7	40.6	1,176	1,182	27.43	29.40
Good . . . . .	133,428	168,485	45.1	49.8	1,081	1,101	25.51	27.44
Standard . . . .	20,503	23,307	6.9	6.9	1,025	1,043	22.16	24.96
Commercial . . .	18	10	--	--	1,493	1,631	21.43	25.25
Utility . . . . .	6,941	4,464	2.4	1.3	998	997	19.85	23.24
All grades . . .	295,564	338,496			1,120	1,130	26.20	28.17

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959
Prime . . . . .	482	781	0.5	.6	1,036	1,032	28.45	30.25
Choice . . . . .	38,188	55,937	38.3	43.9	960	959	26.62	28.10
Good . . . . .	50,569	60,206	50.8	47.3	892	899	24.62	26.42
Standard . . . .	8,894	8,956	8.9	7.0	853	868	21.47	24.19
Commercial . . .	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility . . . . .	1,467	1,536	1.5	1.2	888	908	18.66	22.22
All grades . . .	99,600	127,416			915	924	25.10	27.02

SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT 5 SPECIFIED MARKETS 1/

## STEERS

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month					
	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1959
Cincinnati. . . . .	4,062	3,672	1,036	1,014	25.25	27.01
Indianapolis. . . . .	11,595	13,541	1,062	999	25.32	27.38
Fort Worth. . . . .	2,888	2,860	919	908	24.60	27.35
Oklahoma City . . . . .	2,105	2,567	1,040	1,059	25.32	27.13
Sioux Falls . . . . .	9,192	12,917	1,129	1,154	25.22	27.47

## HEIFERS

Cincinnati. . . . .	2,957	2,850	754	733	24.34	26.34
Indianapolis. . . . .	2,131	2,278	847	799	24.69	26.54
Fort Worth. . . . .	2,209	1,756	657	659	24.43	27.51
Oklahoma City . . . . .	1,833	1,916	817	790	24.85	26.83
Sioux Falls . . . . .	5,060	6,494	938	967	24.39	26.11

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Division, A.M.S.



## STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Four months	
	May 5	Apr. 28	May 7	Apr.	Apr.	Jan.-	Apr.
	1960	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steers - 1001# up .....	869	936	941	3,104	4,632	11,568	20,815
901-1000 .....	1,872	2,543	2,610	8,485	11,944	35,805	42,385
801-900 .....	3,744	2,785	3,454	11,811	16,270	54,060	59,176
701-800 .....	4,545	5,054	4,454	17,654	22,548	67,561	72,598
501-700 .....	14,214	12,555	11,053	50,937	57,595	160,519	177,584
Total steers 10 markets .....	25,244	23,873	22,512	91,991	112,989	329,513	372,558
Av. wts. " " " .....	705#	717#	728#	708#	721#	724#	731#
Av. cost* " " " .....	\$25.02	\$25.02	\$28.61	\$25.30	\$28.48	\$24.50	\$27.63
" " " Chicago .....	24.60	23.12	28.49	24.40	28.21	24.14	26.75
" " " Kansas City .....	25.82	25.16	28.47	25.46	28.63	24.51	27.31
" " " Omaha .....	25.13	25.40	29.88	25.48	29.57	24.52	28.33
" " " S. St. Paul .....	23.39	23.74	26.34	23.83	26.10	23.23	25.28
" " " Sioux City .....	26.18	26.56	29.52	26.38	29.89	25.71	29.45
" " " Denver .....	24.76	24.34	27.58	25.74	28.01	25.05	28.25
" " " Ft. Worth .....	22.47	23.46	26.51	24.18	27.59	23.82	27.45
" " " Oklahoma City ...	23.78	23.77	27.49	24.13	26.87	23.41	26.54
" " " S. St. Joseph ...	25.37	24.80	28.84	25.05	27.86	24.20	27.07
" " " St. Louis NSY ...	24.46	24.33	27.35	24.45	27.29	23.66	26.27
Total calves - 10 markets ....	6,515	11,274	5,602	33,808	30,904	148,122	146,612
" heifers " " ....	3,876	4,727	5,517	15,838	22,880	50,435	69,125
" cows " " ....	391	511	376	1,657	2,736	10,689	13,089

\* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

## ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
May 6, 1960	1	41	17	17	7	25	8	8	12	70	68	49	45
Apr. 29, 1960	2	49	21	17	6	28	5	8	12	70	70	53	45
May 8, 1959	3	40	15	18	9	36	5	4	17	60	70	49	40
Slaughter cows													
May 6, 1960	6	7	8	7	8	6	25	10	15	15	10	14	18
Apr. 29, 1960	6	8	10	6	10	6	25	10	15	15	9	19	20
May 8, 1959	7	9	7	4	8	5	30	8	10	25	9	20	25

Cattle and calves: Inventories, marketings, and placements,  
Arizona and California, 1960

Item	Arizona	California
	1,000 head	1,000 head
Cattle and calves on feed April 1 .....	207	496
Cattle and calves placed on feed during April .....	34	144
Fed cattle marketed during April .....	44	108
Cattle and calves on feed May 1 .....	197	532

## WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Boston, New York City Area...	12,523	12,261	9,862	9,697	49,607	46,991	38,574	37,782
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	9,160	7,431	2,238	894	24,894	31,107	5,086	2,887
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	19,701	17,605	4,229	4,888	142,221	112,018	12,684	14,904
Chicago Area.....	18,737	21,773	5,238	4,648	35,106	49,901	6,267	3,225
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	31,091	28,427	17,165	18,200	111,079	104,612	10,168	8,856
St. Louis Area.....	11,327	10,230	1,224	1,932	100,838	83,266	4,353	4,566
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	21,895	19,458	--	--	93,944	86,247	12,778	12,534
Omaha Area.....	36,339	36,088	167	220	82,990	75,261	13,851	15,660
Kansas City.....	13,868	11,216	--	--	42,012	32,215	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	30,438	31,347	7,980	6,667	268,546	254,687	28,583	25,363
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's....	6,313	6,576	3,415	4,360	70,377	57,771	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	7,872	6,057	3,212	2,412	35,813	23,816	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	20,447	17,902	1,287	947	47,859	44,291	9,911	9,388
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	11,092	9,687	4,725	4,888	20,687	17,848	39,427	28,025
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	21,264	19,305	259	267	17,838	14,673	24,927	26,546
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	24,938	21,057	1,826	2,085	28,210	26,906	36,711	26,784
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,327	6,608	238	199	14,814	15,633	3,662	4,732
Total.....	304,332	283,028	63,065	62,304	1,186,835	1,077,243	246,982	221,252
Accumulation to date.....	5,254,903		1,231,902		22,057,893		4,298,290	
		4,821,158		1,221,393		21,269,722		4,251,101

## ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
May 7, 1960 .....	370	222.4	92	10.9	1,360	187.5	275	13.2	434.0	--
Apr. 30, 1960 .....	350	207.2	92	10.9	1,325	183.5	255	12.5	414.1	--
Apr. 23, 1960 1/ .....	337	--	91	--	1,341	--	244	--	--	43.6
May 9, 1959 1/ .....	341	205.7	88	10.6	1,240	172.6	252	12.0	400.9	42.7

Percentage change from:

Apr. 30, 1960 .....	6	7	0	0	3	2	8	6	5	--
May 9, 1959 .....	9	8	5	3	10	9	9	10	8	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	
May 7, 1960 .....	1045	601	210	119	242	138	98	48	--
Apr. 30, 1960 .....	1030	592	210	119	243	138	99	49	--
Apr. 23, 1960 .....	1040	598	205	116	242	138	100	49	--
May 9, 1959 .....	1045	603	213	120	245	139	98	48	14.0

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.











## HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended	Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST - Dollars per 100 pounds									
Barrows May 7, 1960	15.82	15.83	15.63	15.71	15.60	15.69	15.70	16.06	15.76
and Apr. 30, 1960	15.93	15.84	15.67	15.74	15.51	15.78	15.55	16.09	15.77
gilts May 9, 1959	16.30	16.30	15.76	15.68	15.63	15.65	15.39	16.75	15.93
May 7, 1960	12.93	13.45	13.26	13.55	13.44	13.47	13.42	13.06	13.34
Sows Apr. 30, 1960	13.18	13.61	13.84	13.79	13.91	14.00	13.70	13.38	13.65
May 9, 1959	13.05	13.44	12.73	12.75	12.64	13.20	12.93	12.99	12.96
AVERAGE WEIGHT - Pounds									
Barrows May 7, 1960	240	223	232	241	244	231	242	230	234
and Apr. 30, 1960	238	222	232	240	244	231	239	230	234
gilts May 9, 1959	236	221	231	237	237	231	236	228	232
May 7, 1960	456	397	425	425	427	407	403	447	422
Sows Apr. 30, 1960	456	401	430	425	415	402	407	441	421
May 9, 1959	430	420	431	413	421	393	393	446	414
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows May 7, 1960	30407	66469	18909	36274	34794	29241	31234	26286	273614
and Apr. 30, 1960	30792	60448	16727	37717	38487	26047	33519	33094	276831
gilts May 9, 1959	36182	55458	13845	41756	34721	28404	35201	26728	272295
May 7, 1960	2868	4579	1066	3825	3225	1601	3906	2903	23973
Sows Apr. 30, 1960	3220	4659	1329	4250	4316	1843	4328	3612	27557
May 9, 1959	5144	4621	966	5724	4887	2390	7168	3134	34034
SOWS Percentage of total									
May 7, 1960	9	6	5	10	8	5	11	10	8
Apr. 30, 1960	9	7	7	10	10	7	11	10	9
May 9, 1959	12	8	7	12	12	8	17	10	11

1/ Weighted average.

## WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
May 7, 1960	\$18.43	\$16.34	\$2.09
Apr. 30, 1960	18.28	16.32	1.96
May 9, 1959	18.35	16.88	1.47

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

## HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
May 7, 1960	15.82	120.0	13.2
Apr. 30, 1960	15.93	120.2	13.3
May 9, 1959	16.30	126.9	12.8

1/ Simple average price.



## HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

MONTH		Chi- cago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 1960	16.11	16.02	15.93	15.91	15.79	15.93	15.74	16.31	15.96
	Mar. 1960	15.54	15.43	15.54	15.59	15.54	15.56	15.57	15.70	15.55
	Apr. 1959	16.28	16.25	15.94	15.95	15.89	16.00	15.76	16.49	16.09
	Apr. 1960	13.66	14.02	14.18	14.18	14.09	14.30	14.01	13.73	14.00
Sows	Mar. 1960	13.52	13.84	14.10	14.12	14.12	13.93	14.22	13.55	13.91
	Apr. 1959	13.39	13.64	13.73	13.41	13.38	13.74	13.55	13.23	13.47
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 1960	237	220	230	240	242	230	238	228	232
	Mar. 1960	234	217	226	237	241	224	233	224	229
	Apr. 1959	234	222	232	238	240	230	236	227	232
	Apr. 1960	452	399	418	425	420	402	415	443	422
Sows	Mar. 1960	450	393	422	426	431	393	418	437	422
	Apr. 1959	430	416	420	417	415	401	404	444	418
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 1960	113704	232880	61444	144362	143443	99551	143631	122115	1061130
	Mar. 1960	112709	263246	67152	153052	134303	94212	179771	135333	1139778
	Apr. 1959	166191	260585	66782	164031	149741	112016	174941	142295	1236582
	Apr. 1960	12701	19630	4441	18088	14120	7719	15664	14269	106632
Sows	Mar. 1960	12340	17972	3986	15934	10258	5607	13814	12956	92867
	Apr. 1959	19168	18729	3778	23028	14910	7713	23955	12855	124136
SOWS		Percentage of total								
	Apr. 1960	10	8	7	11	9	7	10	10	9
	Mar. 1960	10	6	6	9	7	6	7	9	8
	Apr. 1959	10	7	5	12	9	6	12	8	9

1/ Weighted average.

## AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

MONTH	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 1960	\$18.46	\$16.48	\$1.98
Mar. 1960	17.64	15.78	1.86
Apr. 1959	18.47	16.73	1.74

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

## HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

MONTH	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 1960	16.11	1/ 120.3	13.4
Mar. 1960	15.54	1/ 114.9	13.5
Apr. 1959	16.28	2/ 128.3	12.7

1/ Simple average. 2/ Weighted average.

## WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

### LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

**EASTERN SEABOARD** - Good demand prevailed for majority of fresh meats and broad clearances were effected following several weeks of substantial carryover. Best outlet was on early sessions at Philadelphia, however, at Washington, the most active trade occurred toward the close. At other markets supply and demand were fairly well balanced throughout the week. Supplies of all classes were normal. Veal receipts at New York included around 10 cars Canadian carcasses grading mostly Choice. Trading on beef hindquarters, ribs and particularly loins was fairly active but chucks were generally slow. Demand for pork loins good, particularly at the close, while outlet for other pork was moderate. Lamb, veal, and calf movement was fairly active, however, lamb chucks were slow in instances at New York.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef steady to 50¢ higher, full advance at Philadelphia and New York; cow beef steady to 50¢ lower; veal \$1.00-2.00 higher at New York and calf fully \$2.00 higher. Veal sold steady at Washington and 50¢-\$1.00 higher at Philadelphia, but steady to \$2.00 lower at Baltimore. Lamb prices were about steady, except at Philadelphia, spring lamb \$1.00 higher but old crop weak to \$1.00 lower. Pork loins steady to \$4.00 higher, with the full upturn late in the week at New York. Spareribs sold steady to \$1.00 lower; Boston butts mostly steady, instances \$1.00 lower; fresh skinned hams steady to \$2.00 lower.

**CHICAGO** - Supplies were about normal in the beef, lamb and fresh pork divisions, but veal receipts were moderate. A very small percentage of beef was Prime, bulk grading Good to average-Choice. The big end of lamb receipts were old crop carcasses weighing over 55#. Trading was slow on carcass beef at the outset but turned moderately active towards the close. Good demand has prevailed for steer carcasses over 700# for the past several weeks, and for the week in review all weights of Choice carcasses sold at about the same price. On initial sessions ribs and loins found best outlet of the beef cuts, however all primal cuts were in fair demand from mid-week on. Trading on veal was moderately active. A two-way trend on lamb with carcasses 55# and down steady to \$1.00 lower while 55-65# weights sold 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Spring lamb sold mostly steady. Trading on lamb was moderately active except slow for legs. Fresh pork trade fairly active, loins scoring daily advances through Wednesday.

Compared to the previous Friday: Steer beef steady; heifer beef steady to 50¢ lower; cow beef steady to 50¢ lower; veal \$1.00-4.00 higher; lamb 55# down steady to \$1.00 lower, 55-65# 50¢-\$1.00 higher; pork loins 8-16#

advanced \$1.50-3.00; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00-1.50 higher; spareribs 3# down 50¢-\$1.00 lower.

**PACIFIC COAST** - Supplies of fresh meats were near normal and generally adequate for moderate outlet. However, volume of fresh and cured pork was liberal and clearance was incomplete.

Prices compared with the previous week's close: Steer and cow beef mostly steady, few sales Good and Choice steer 50¢ lower at Los Angeles while Choice steer sold 50¢ higher at San Francisco; calf and veal mostly steady, instances \$2.00 higher on veal at San Francisco; spring lamb mostly steady, few sales \$1.00 higher at San Francisco; fresh and cured pork mostly steady; instances \$2.00 higher on pork loins, while Boston butts and spareribs closed \$1.00 lower at Los Angeles.

### CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

#### MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY -

Based on reports from major slaughtering centers in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, Kansas and southwestern Illinois. (Prices F.O.B. Plant basis.)

Demand was fairly good for steer, heifer and cow beef, good on pork cuts and moderate for lamb. Supplies were mostly normal on steer and heifer beef along with pork, but below normal on cow beef and lamb. Compared with the previous week's close, steer beef mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower on 600-700# carcasses; heifer beef steady to 50¢ lower; cow beef steady to mostly 50¢ lower; pork cuts mostly \$1.00-2.50 higher; old crop lamb steady to 50¢ lower. Clearances were generally complete. Choice 600-700# steer carcasses brought \$42.75-43.50 several carlots \$44.00; Choice 700-800# \$42.50-43.00, moderate showing \$43.25-43.75. Choice 500-700# heifer \$42.00-43.25, some \$43.50 in the northern section. Utility cow beef brought \$30.00-31.50, scattered sales \$31.00-32.00 at the close. Choice and Prime 45-55# old crop lamb sold from \$41.75-45.00, mostly \$42.50-44.50. Pork loins brought \$36.50-39.00, closed \$37.50-38.50; Boston butts \$27.00-29.00; closed mainly \$27.50-28.50.

**CARLOT SUMMARY** - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Trading was moderately active on most meats with pork loins fairly active. Good demand prevailed for steer carcasses weighing 700-900# and the price spread between weights narrowed somewhat. Supplies of all classes were about normal. Steer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher for the week at most points with sales largely steady at Chicago; cow beef steady to 50¢ lower; lamb steady at Denver and New York, strong to 50¢ higher at Philadelphia. However, at Chicago lamb under 55# closed steady to \$1.00 lower while 55-65# carcasses were 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Pork loins sold strong to \$3.00 higher.



**WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS**  
**Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds**

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9	May 7	May 9
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	--	55.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	47.50	49.20	45.75	47.06	45.00	48.00	45.00	47.81
	700-800	46.50	48.85	44.50	46.38	43.50	46.50	43.50	46.62
Good	500-600	44.25	47.10	43.25	44.62	43.50	45.50	43.00	46.50
	600-700	44.50	47.10	43.25	44.62	42.50	44.00	41.50	45.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	45.00	--	44.50	--	44.75	--
	600-700	--	--	45.00	--	43.00	--	43.50	--
Good	500-600	--	--	41.50	--	--	--	42.50	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	58.00	64.30	56.00	61.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.50	55.50	50.50	56.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	45.50	50.80	47.00	52.00	54.00	56.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	50.50*	46.30	45.75	--	45.25*	--	46.00*	45.38*
Choice	45-55	49.50*	44.80	45.75	45.50	45.25*	45.00*	46.00*	45.38*
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	43.65	45.95	40.12	42.85	46.00	47.50	42.12	44.50
Butts	4-8	34.20	35.90	29.38	31.31	39.00	38.00	36.00	35.50
Spareribs	3# down	41.00	45.00	38.75	42.12	47.00	47.50	43.50	46.25
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	48.50	48.50	50.00	48.75	50.50	51.00	49.00	49.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		44.50	48.50	53.50	51.50	51.00	52.00	50.50	53.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	30.50	32.50	33.50	34.00	32.00	33.00	32.00	33.50
Lard, 1# carton		13.25	12.75	13.00	13.50	16.50	16.00	14.56	15.25

\*Spring lamb.

**BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED MAY 6, 1960**

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	43.50-44.00	42.50-43.00	42.75-43.00	45.50-46.00	45.50-46.00
	700-800	43.50-44.00	42.25-42.75	42.50-42.75	45.25-45.75	45.00-45.50
	800-900	43.00-43.50	42.00-42.50	42.25-42.50	45.00-45.50	44.50-45.00
Good	500-600	41.50-42.00	--	--	43.00-43.50	42.50-43.50
	600-700	41.50-42.00	39.00-41.00	40.25-40.75	42.50-43.50	42.00-43.50
	700-800	41.00-41.50	39.00-41.00	39.75-40.25	42.50-43.00	42.00-43.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	43.00-43.50	43.00	42.00-42.50	--	--
	600-700	43.00-43.50	41.50-42.25	42.00-42.50	--	44.00-45.00
Good	500-600	39.50-40.50	39.00	39.00-39.25	--	--
	600-700	39.50-40.50	39.00	39.00-39.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		30.50-31.00	--	30.00-30.25	--	33.00-33.50
Canner and Cutter		31.00-31.50	--	30.50	--	33.00-33.50
Lamb - Old Crop						
Prime	35-45#	--	--	--	46.00-48.00	--
	45-55	--	39.50-41.00	--	44.00-45.50	--
	55-65	--	38.50-39.50	--	42.00-43.00	--
Choice	35-45	45.00-46.00	--	--	46.00-48.00	--
	45-55	42.00-43.00	39.50-41.00	41.75-42.25	44.00-45.50	--
	55-65	41.00-41.50	38.50-39.50	39.75-40.25	42.00-43.00	--
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	39.00-39.50	--	37.50-38.50	--	39.00-40.00

# BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market was rather slow with prices weak on greasy combing wools. Turnover of woolen wools and noils was restricted with prices nominal. Activity increased in the domestic primary areas with demand good in all sections but prices were steady to weak.

Midweek cables from Brisbane, Australia showed restricted competition and lower prices early in the week but outlet was fairly broad at midweek with eastern Europe and Japan the major competitors. Eastern Europe and Japan were also the principal operators in Geelong where a good selection of topmakers and spinners merino comeback and coarse cross-bred wools were offered at steady prices. At the Monday sale at Invercargill, New Zealand, eastern Europe and Japan dominated with prices on 50/56s and finer wools strong, while medium and coarse cross-bred wools were slightly easier. At midweek 50/56s and finer wools were firm with medium and coarse cross-breds two pence lower but with a firmer tone at the close of the sale. Prices at the South African markets were firm under general competition while trading was limited in the South American markets and quotations were nominal.

**Fleece Wools** - Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing fleece wools sold from \$1.06-1.10 while 50/54s staple fleeces brought \$1.02-1.06 clean. Bulk 58s fleece lambs wool sold at 90¢ clean basis while medium fleece lambs brought from 85-87¢ clean. Country buyers were paying 48-52¢ in Ohio but mostly from 50-52¢ to the growers while 47-50¢ was paid in Missouri and Iowa for medium fleece wools.

**Territory Wools** - At Rawlins, Wyoming 27-3/4¢ grease basis, f.o.b. was paid for bulk fine and half-blood wools in original bags with estimated clean costs ranging from \$1.10-1.15, delivered Boston.

**Texas Wools** - In Texas greasy 8 months wool brought around \$1.05-1.08, while average 12 months sold from \$1.10-1.12 and good 12 months ranged from \$1.12-1.15 clean basis, delivered.

**Mohair** - A few sales of adult mohair were in Texas at 96½¢ to the warehouse. Some large accumulations were held at \$1.01½ for adult and \$1.31½ for kid hair to the warehouse with a few lots purchased at these prices.

**Foreign Wools** - Cabled quotations at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australian quotes are from the Geelong close.

Australia	New Zealand
Oil-combed	Oil-combed
61 - \$1.33	93 - \$.93
62 - 1.27	834 - .92
63 - 1.23	100 - .91
422 - 1.17	107 - .88
423 - 1.10	114 - .86
424 - 1.03	128 - .84½
425 - .97	

## South Africa

Oil-combed	Scoured Yields
7 - \$1.23	22 - \$1.11
12 - 1.21	27 - 1.06
17 - 1.17	28 - 1.03
47 - 1.18	32 - 1.00
48 - 1.17	33 - .95
52 - 1.16	37 - .95
53 - 1.15	

**Montevideo Super Skirted (Clean basis)**: 64s - \$1.06; 60/64s - \$1.04; 60s - \$1.00; 58/60s - 98¢; 56/58s - 95½¢; 50/56s - 93¢; 50s - 90¢.

**Carpet Wools** - Trade in spot carpet wools remained stagnant with a slightly easier tone. New Zealand carpet fleeces were priced at 81-83¢, second shear wools and cotts at 87¢ and crutchings at 77-79¢ clean fibers present for shipment, while Buenos Aires November second clips were priced at 82-83¢, March wools at 80¢ and fleeces at 83-84¢ for shipment.

**Woolen Wools** - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	
58/60s 2½ - 3" stained	\$1.12
58s 1½-2" choice white spring lambs	1.13

## Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

56/58s 2½-3" 1t. stain	\$1.07
56s 3-4" stained	1.06
56s 2½-3" defective	1.04

## Scoured Pulled Foreign

N.Z. 56/58s 2-3" ch. white \$1.18

**CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - May 5, 1960** (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange).

May wool tops	\$1.467
May wool	1.160
July wool tops	1.483
July wool	1.175



Red meat production in 1959 totaled 27.5 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 1958, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Beef production in 1959 was 13.6 billion pounds — up 2 percent from the 1958 production of 13.3 billion pounds. Veal production totaled 1.0 billion pounds — 15 percent less than in 1958. Lamb and mutton production totaled 738 million pounds — 7 percent more than a year earlier. Pork production totaled 12.1 billion pounds — 15 percent more than the 10.5 billion pounds produced in 1958. Beef accounted for 49 percent of the total red meat production in 1959, while pork made up 44 percent. Veal accounted for about 4 percent and lamb and mutton 3 percent. Lard production totaled 2.8 billion pounds in 1959 compared with 2.4 billion pounds in 1958.

The number of cattle slaughtered in 1959 was 3 percent below 1958. Cattle slaughtered under Federal inspection was down 1 percent from a year earlier, other commercial slaughter declined 7 percent, but farm slaughter increased 2 percent. Calf slaughter in 1959 was down 17 percent. Slaughter of calves under Federal inspection was down 14 percent, while other commercial slaughter was down 23 percent, and farm slaughter was down 2 percent. The total number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in 1959 increased 7 percent from a year earlier. The number slaughtered under Federal inspection was up 9 percent, but other commercial slaughter decreased 3 percent, while farm slaughter increased 6 percent from one year earlier. Total number of hogs slaughtered in 1959 was 14 percent more than in 1958. Slaughter in federally inspected plants increased 16 percent, other commercial increased 12 percent, and farm slaughter increased 7 percent.

Slaughter cattle averaged 26 pounds heavier, calves averaged 3 pounds heavier, and hogs averaged 1 pound heavier than in 1958. The average live weight of sheep and lambs was unchanged from 1958.

The number of livestock slaughtered under Federal inspection is obtained from the Meat Inspection Division, Agricultural Research Service.

Livestock slaughter, United States, annual, 1958-59

Class of slaughter	1958					1959				
	Head	Average	Total	Average	Total	Head	Average	Total	Average	Total
		live	live	dressed	dressed		live	live	dressed	dressed
		weight	weight	weight	weight		weight	weight	weight	weight
	1,000	Million	Million	Million	1,000	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million
	head	Pounds	pounds	Pounds	pounds	head	Pounds	pounds	Pounds	pounds
<b>CATTLE</b>										
Fed. inspected	17,642.3	1,018	17,968	575	10,106	17,458.5	1,045	18,238	601	10,462
Other commercial	5,913.1	892	5,274	487	2,877	5,472.0	917	5,018	507	2,771
Farm	841.0	837	704	427	359	855.0	844	722	439	375
Total	24,396.4	982	23,946	547	13,342	23,785.5	1,008	23,978	572	13,608
<b>CALVES</b>										
Fed. inspected	5,672.2	210	1,193	118	667	4,875.3	208	1,013	119	575
Other commercial	3,642.6	215	784	120	436	2,807.9	225	630	126	354
Farm	437.0	346	151	197	86	428.0	356	152	203	87
Total	9,751.8	218	2,128	122	1,189	8,111.2	221	1,795	125	1,016
<b>HOGS</b>										
Fed. inspected	59,461.6	238	14,149	137	8,110	68,707.5	239	16,453	137	9,432
Other commercial	11,503.4	221	2,543	131	1,508	12,874.4	222	2,857	132	1,699
Farm	6,374.0	244	1,558	143	910	6,849.0	243	1,662	143	979
Total	77,339.0	236	18,250	136	10,528	88,430.9	237	20,972	137	12,110
<b>SHEEP AND LAMBS</b>										
Fed. inspected	12,396.6	99	1,222	48	592	13,465.7	99	1,333	48	645
Other commercial	1,767.4	96	170	46	82	1,714.2	96	163	46	79
Farm	333.0	88	29	41	14	354.0	88	31	41	14
Total	14,497.0	98	1,421	47	688	15,533.9	98	1,527	48	738

UNITED STATES LARD PRODUCTION, 1958-59

Class	1958		1959	
	Lard per 100#	Lard	Lard per 100#	Lard
	live weight	production	live weight	production
	Pounds	Million pounds	Pounds	Million pounds
Fed. inspected	14.0	1,982	14.0	2,309
Other commercial	10.7	271	10.5	300
Farm	12.1	188	11.7	194
Total	13.4	2,441	13.4	2,803

1/ Excludes animals condemned under Federal inspection. 2/ Includes rendered pork fat.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS  
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	May 7, 1960	22.50*	24.12	24.48	23.25	24.65	22.75	--
	May 9, 1959	--	--	25.12	--	--	--	--
Choice	May 7, 1960	21.38*	23.12	23.50	22.75	20.55*	22.00	22.44
	May 9, 1959	22.80*	22.35*	24.50	23.05	24.55	22.60	23.50
Good	May 7, 1960	19.88*	--	22.50	22.00	19.68*	20.75	21.88
	May 9, 1959	22.35*	21.50*	23.38	22.05	--	22.22	22.50
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) - 105 lb. down								
Prime	May 7, 1960	21.22	21.32	--	--	--	19.28	--
	May 9, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	May 7, 1960	20.35	20.45	20.75	18.90	20.02	18.40	--
	May 9, 1959	21.60	21.28	20.25	19.60	20.42	18.38	17.75
Good	May 7, 1960	19.10	19.32	--	18.40	--	17.40	--
	May 9, 1959	20.95	20.42	19.00	18.85	19.68	17.50	17.00
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good and	May 7, 1960	5.75*	5.45	--	--	6.15	5.75	5.50
Choice	May 9, 1959	7.15*	6.38	6.50*	--	7.75	4.75	7.50
Cull and	May 7, 1960	4.50*	3.98	--	5.78	4.65	3.75	3.75
Utility	May 9, 1959	5.85*	4.10	5.25*	--	5.12	2.00	5.00
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	May 7, 1960	--	21.00	--	18.25	19.50	--	15.25
Choice	May 9, 1959	--	19.88	--	19.00	19.62	--	--
*Woolled basis.								